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December 16, 2002

The Honorable Vernon Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C. Abandonment Exemption—In Sedgwick County, Kansas. STB  
Docket No. AB-406 (Sub No. 14X).

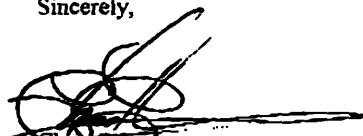
Dear Secretary Williams:

By decision served April 10, 2001, the Surface Transportation Board ("Board") granted Central Kansas Railway, L.L.C. ("CKR") authority to abandon its rail line between milepost 3.5 in Wichita, Kansas and milepost 19.5, near Garden Plain, Kansas. In a letter dated December 18, 2001, the City of Wichita requested a Notice of Interim Trail Use (NITU) for the segment of the rail line located between milepost 9.62 near 135<sup>th</sup> Street and milepost 11.62 near 167<sup>th</sup> Street. By letter dated January 28, 2002, CKR notified the Board that the abandonment had not been consummated and was willing to negotiate for trail use with the City of Wichita. By decision served March 18, 2002, the Board issued the requested NITU.

On December 11, 2002 CKR and the City of Wichita consummated an interim trail use agreement for the segment of the rail line located between milepost 9.62 near 135<sup>th</sup> Street and milepost 11.62 near 167<sup>th</sup> Street.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

  
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